



## **PATENT**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Bakshi et al.

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Examiner:

Andrew B. Freistein

For:

ACYLATED PIPERAZINE DERIVATIVES AS **MELANOCORTIN -4 RECEPTOR AGONISTS** 

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT AND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of September 27, 2005 pursuant a non-compliant amendment, for which an Amendment is due by October 27, 2005. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the accompanying remarks.

Any additional fees associated with this Response may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Please amend the application as follows:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date appearing below.